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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 10/540,319	<b>Applicant(s)</b> PARK, HEE-BOONG	
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**Period for Reply**

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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 23 March 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 21 June 2005 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
     Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
     Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \*    c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)            | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)           |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)   | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____                                      |
| 3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application |
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## DETAILED ACTION

### *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102*

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1-7 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Anderson et al (US 2006/0241423 A1). Anderson et al disclose an apparatus for ultrasound examination of a deformable object comprising a support frame (Figure 1, element 108 [0028-0030]), movable means with a flat surface installed in the frame to move forward and backward longitudinally in the frame [0030, 0035, 36], a driving means for moving the movable means, an ultrasonic probe disposed to extend widthwise of the movable means (Fig 2, 4b, [0040-0044]), an ultrasonic wave transmission/reception surface (Fig 4a/b) of the ultrasonic probe flush with upper surface and fixed to the movable means (Fig 4a/b), the moveable means comprising a plurality of links having a flat surface (Fig 4a/b Element 402), and a pair of rollers and supports for the ends of the links, where driving means is supplied and the ultrasonic probe is fixed between two of the links [0039-0042] (Fig 4a/b). The probe is a linear array transducer [0041], the height of the frame can be adjusted (Fig 1), and there also exists pressing means to the height

adjusting means to press the deformable object on the flat surface of the movable means [0037-0040]. Finally a stand exists for supporting the height adjusting means (Fig 1 Element 102), and a rotational shaft is supplied [0030-0033], having one end supported rotatable by the stand and the other end fixed to a side surface of the height adjusting means [0031].

### ***Conclusion***

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure has been attached to the references cited sheet accompanying the current office action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Joel M. Lamprecht whose telephone number is (571) 272-3250. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 7:30AM-4PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Brian L. Casler can be reached on (571)272-4956. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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